

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

THE NAVY.

There is now lying in the harbor of Boston, the Washington and Independence, 74's; the frigates Constitution, Congress and Macedonian, and the brig Chippewa and the schooner Lynx.

The Independence and Washington prove to be remarkable fast sailers; the latter came from the harbor of Portsmouth to that of Boston in about seven hours.

"Our citizens," says the Yankee, "have the proud satisfaction of beholding for the first time in Boston harbor, two American seventy-four gun ships, and a first rate frigate, captured from the British. May our gallant navy continue to increase till the despotic powers of Europe shall at length be compelled to recognize the ocean as the great highway of nations."

WORTHY OF RECORD.

The arrival of the U. S. sloop Peacock, on the 31st of October from her last cruise against the British and the conclusion of the war against the States of Barbary, by the squadron under the command of Commodore Decatur, on the 31st of August last, have given rise to the following unprecedented historical fact, to wit:

The declaration, prosecution, and successful termination of one naval war, before all the cruisers of a previous naval war had come in. What nation on the globe can say this?

A SHOCKING CALAMITY.

On Thursday evening last, while James Partridge and his wife, of Sterling, in the county of Worcester, Mass., were on an evening's visit at one of their neighbors, their house took fire, and was wholly consumed, and we lament to add, that three fine sons, 8, 6 and 4 years of age, perished in the flames.

The first discovery of the fire was about 8 o'clock, when the roof of the house was falling in, and so few could be collected in season to check its progress, that not only the precious bodies of their children, but every vestige of property in the house, was wrecked in one common ruin. An infant daughter, whom they took with them on their visit, is all left to these distressed parents.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

First Congress of the "NEW NATION."

Senate.

Monday, Dec. 11, 1865.—A joint committee consisting of Messrs. Foot, Wade, Fessenden, Wilson, Doolittle, Lane of Kansas, Harshbarger of Indiana, Wiley, Bucknow and Henderson were appointed to act with the House on the subject of President Lincoln's death.

Mr. Wade offered a resolution in regard to the attempt of the Emperor Napoleon to establish a monarchy in Mexico and to support Maximilian in his usurpation by European bayonets; and calling on the President to take such steps in this grave matter which will vindicate the recognized policy of the government and protect its honor and interests. The committee on foreign relations have the resolution in charge.

House.

The Speaker today announced the Standing Committee of the House. Massachusetts has the following chairmen: Rice, Naval Affairs; Banks, Foreign Affairs; Dawes, Education; Elliot, on Freedmen Affairs; Post Office, Connecticut has one chairman, Deming, on Expenditures of War Department.

A SPLENDID ARTICLE.

We have been living for a week "like a pig in clover," on buckwheat cakes, sorghum molasses and sausages—and now, am feeling as "happy as a clam at high tide." The flour of which the cakes were made was sent by Erasmus Ryan, of Bear's Mill, in Trumbull, well known as one of the oldest and best establishments of the kind in this country. It is a splendid article and may be obtained at the store of French & Stevens. Try it. Next time we go to "Parlor Rock" we shall fall not to pay our respects to Mr. Ryan.

THE "BRICK BUILDING."

The "Brick Building," on South avenue, lately occupied by the Franklin File Co., has been purchased by G. B. Waller and is being transmogrified, for his special use, into a carriage house and barn.

THOSE STONES.

"Those Stones" in Wall street, are being put in their places today and the surplus sand carried away, "a consummation devoutly to be wished."

A NEW STORE.

Ground was broken yesterday for the foundation of the new store of A. H. Robbins & Co., on the corner of Main street and South avenue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

COL. FITZGIBBON RESIGNS.

The resignation of Colonel Fitzgibbon as health officer, which was handed into the health board at a special meeting yesterday afternoon came as a great surprise and has called forth expressions of sincere regret.

Col. Fitzgibbon has devoted himself to preserving the city's health, and Mayor Frank Clark vigorously opposed considering the resignation and a committee, consisting of the Mayor, Mr. Creevey and Dr. Sheedy, was appointed to confer with Colonel Fitzgibbon and endeavor to have him reconsider his resignation. Colonel Fitzgibbon informed a Farmer reporter that he had been snubbed upon several occasions by certain groups of politicians and he thought it best for his own peace of mind to resign.

LADIES AT SEASIDE

The parlors of the Seaside club were crowded yesterday afternoon by the feminine friends of the members. It was the regular monthly "Ladies Day" reception. President Atwater and Vice President Van Keuren received on behalf of the club. The reception was from 2 until 6 during

Our First Coinage.

The earliest coinage of money for America is said to have been made for Virginia in 1612. The London company had been formed for the purpose of pushing colonization work in Virginia, and in 1609 Sir George Somers, an active promoter of the company, set out with an expedition. His vessels encountered a storm and were wrecked on the coast of one of the Bermuda islands. Somers took possession of the islands in the name of Great Britain. He was forced to remain there ten months, but finally reached Virginia. The Bermudas, often since then called Somers Islands, were largely colonized by people from Virginia, and the relations between the two became intimate. This accounts for Virginia's first coins being made there. They were of brass, and on one side was represented a ship under full sail, firing a gun. On the other side were the words, "Somers Island," and the figure of a hog, "in memory," as an old time writer quaintly says, "of the abundance of hogs which the English found on their first landing."—Argonaut.

Where Silence Was Deadly.

Rome is said to have once been saved by the cackling of geese, but silence cost the people of Amyklæ, an ancient Grecian city, their liberty. The report that an enemy was approaching had been spread so often, creating consternation among the inhabitants, and as often proved false, that the authorities finally passed a law forbidding any one to speak of such a thing. All went well for a time, but there came a day when an enemy did appear, a hostile Spartan army. But the citizens of Amyklæ were law abiding. They talked of the weather, of the crops, of the approaching track meet, but never a word did they speak about the approaching army. Everybody obeyed the law, and nobody told the authorities of the impending danger. Thus the city fell an easy victim to the invaders through the faithful obedience of its citizens to the law.

The Bed of Ware.

A famous piece of furniture is the "bed of Ware," which was formerly preserved at the inn called the Saracen's Head, at Ware, England, but removed to Rye House in 1890. It is considered one of the curiosities of England and measures twelve feet square. It is made of oak elaborately carved and is surrounded by a canopy, supported by a lofty headboard and two massive bedposts at the foot. Twelve persons can occupy this bed comfortably at one time.

The bed bears the date 1400, but antiquarians think it is not older than the time of Elizabeth. Some authorities say that it was offered for sale in 1864 and was bid in by Charles Dickens, while others claim that Dickens' offer of \$500 was not considered sufficient and it was bid in by the owner.

The Red Shirt of Italy.

The red shirt, destined to become so famous a symbol throughout Europe, was not at first adopted by Garibaldi for any fantastic or spectacular reason. The English Admiral Ingham says that the red shirt had its origin in stern necessity and that its adoption was caused by the need of clothing as economically as possible the legion that Garibaldi had raised for the liberation of Italy. An offer was made by a tradesman to supply at a reduced price a large stock of red woolen shirts. This offer was eagerly closed on. Before many years had passed the red shirt became the symbol not merely of the legion, but of the new spirit working for the liberation of Italy.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Possible Retraction.

"I hear you are taking a 'take it back' campaign in this town." "Yes," admitted the Plunkville citizen. "Have you borrowed something that you have failed to return?" "Oh, no. I want to see a man who called me a liar about three years ago."—Pittsburgh Post.

Vain Conceit.

"The only fault I have to find with Kippers is that he has an exaggerated idea of his own importance." "I hadn't noticed it." "But it's a fact. Why, he thinks he's the only man on earth who could have married Mrs. Kippers."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

His Misfortune.

"So you were driven out of the theatrical profession by the movies?" asked the sympathetic old lady. "How did that happen?" "You see, ma'am," replied the truth-telling tramp, "there ain't much of a demand for stage hands these days."—Buffalo Express.

The Doctrine of Chance.

Samuel H. Danks was warden at the time and the meeting was a hummer. The word "liar" and other choice epithets were applied in debate. One man moved that an appropriation of \$5,000 be made for the purchase of a suitable fire engine and that a special borough tax be laid to raise the money. This would have required a special tax of 15 mills on the grand list and it was a stunner for the most earnest advocates of a fire engine.

Mr. — made the motion but it was not seconded and Mr. — when informed of that fact said to the presiding officer: "All right, I'll second it myself." He could not be asked to understand that the motion was not put. Finally after numerous meetings a committee, of which George Zink, Sr., was chairman, with full power to act, decided to purchase a chemical engine and it was bought.

Soon after its arrival it was called the "Chemical Engine" and that name stuck to it as long as the borough had a corporate existence. The Newfield Hook and Ladder Company were very careful in the care of their apparatus and were rated as first class firemen.

Bernetta Tuttle of Stamford has filed divorce proceedings in the superior court against John Tuttle of Stamford. She claims her husband has property worth \$8,000 and wants the court to allow her alimony. An intolerable cruelty is the charge. Mrs. Tuttle's maiden name was Bernetta Slauson. She married the defendant November 20, 1909.

WMAS ROPING AND WREATHS OF LAUREL
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WILSON APPOINTS MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE BOARD

John T. King Heads the List of Committee on Ways of Spending Cash.

The committee which is expected to arrange for more than a \$1,000,000 bond issue that the Republican administration hopes to put over this year has been named by Mayor Wilson. As predicted in The Farmer several days ago, John T. King is chairman.

The other members are Charles G. Sanford, president of the First-Brigade National Bank; DeVer H. Warner, president of Warner Bros.; Hamilton S. Shelton, president of the Connecticut National Bank; George M. Barnes, manager of the Singer Manufacturing Co.; Attorney Charles Stuart Canfield, Clinton Barnum Seeley; Frank Miller, president of the City National Bank; Alderman Malcolm MacPhayden and Alderman Robert N. Bissell.

Members of the committee said today that the first meeting would be called at the instance of Mr. King, the chairman. Mr. King went to Washington, D. C., yesterday and it is expected he will be gone several days.

New members were admitted yesterday to the New York chapter of this city which met to elect and hear speeches from prominent members upon re-organization. Among the speakers were Charles Brody and Arthur Weiss, of Yale college.

MOSHIER PREPARES TO FIGHT CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

Chauffeur of Fatal Joyride Retains Counsel Preparatory to Trial.

George Moshier, who is charged with manslaughter as a result of the death of William Costello in an automobile accident on the Ox Hill road, will make a fight for freedom when he is arraigned tomorrow before Judge Curtis and a jury in the criminal superior court. He has retained Attorney Henry E. Shannon as his counsel to look out for his interests. Deputy sheriffs served subpoenas on witnesses today.

Moshier was one of the passengers in Dr. G. W. Osborn's car, which was taken by the doctor's chauffeur, William Costello, without permission of the owner. After a joy ride, Moshier was driving the machine when it left the road, struck a billboard and hurled the occupants out. Costello was fatally injured and Moshier was confined in the hospital for a few days. It was claimed Moshier was driving recklessly.

Master and Journeymen barbers of Bridgeport at a meeting held yesterday decided to close their shops at 1 o'clock on Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 25.

Measures to secure all gold stored in safety deposit vaults since the war began, have been instituted by the German Reichsbank.

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Five of our demonstrators that were with us during our Anniversary Sale will be with us again this week.

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